

one moment longer," but it proves to be a very long moment. The following from an exchange contains good hints for preachers:

There is one kind of honesty which a preacher or other public speaker should scrupulously practice with his hearers, and that is the keeping of good faith with them in the matter of actually concluding a discourse when he promises to do so. No man has a right to have two "conclusions," three "furthermores," four "let us remark in additions," five "just to detain you a moment mores," six "lastlys," and more than "one final word." The ethics of public address forbid these rhetorical prevarications

Not Safe. We heartily endorse these words from the *N. Y. Observer* and commend them to the consideration of our readers:

There is no state in all the world, however "enlightened," that thoroughly understands itself, its own destiny, opportunities and dangers. The science of government is in many respects as yet but a nescience. To take a single example, illustrative of the uneconomical moral policy of the state, it is worthy of remark that the flaring theatrical posters that so copiously deform rather than adorn the bulletin boards of so many towns and cities, while not meant to be inciters to crime, yet in many cases to familiarize the minds of the young with scenes of violence and debauchery as to make the imitation of crime easier for the rising generation. A poster which exhibits in glaring hideousness an assault by one man on another, or even a murder, can have no good educational effect upon beholders, youthful or adult. No state can afford to allow the seeds of crime to be thus scattered broadcast. Through the eye to the heart, and from the heart to the hand, is a principle that unfortunately works for evil as well as for good results. Take care of the pictures!

The Dead Line. A few weeks ago we quoted at length from the *Outlook* what a correspondent to that paper had to say on the "Dead Line" in the ministry. This week we quote briefly from Dr. Behrends, of Brooklyn, on the same subject, as follows:

"The dead-line in the ministry, as in any other calling, is the line of laziness. The lawyer can not use last year's briefs; the physician can not depend on last week's diagnosis; the merchant can not assume that a customer of ten years' standing will not be enticed elsewhere. And the preacher must be a live, wide-awake, growing man. Let him dye his brains, not his hair. Let his thoughts be fresh and his speech be glowing. Sermons, it has been well said, are like bread, which is delicious when it is fresh but which, when a month old, is hard to cut, hard to eat, and hardest of all to digest."

Got Beyond the Bible. It is to be feared that in these days the newspaper takes the place of the Bible in more than one home. The following from the *Mid-Continent* shows how some people regard the Bible:

The story is told of a Christian friend who taught an old man to read. He made good progress, and the friend, not having seen him for some time, called one day to inquire after his welfare. Finding only the old man's wife at home, he asked her, "How is James?" "He's well, sir," said the wife. "How does he get on with his reading?" "Nicely, sir." "I suppose he can read his Bible very comfortably now?" "Bible, sir! Bless you! He is out of the Bible and into the newspaper long ago."

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

ALL NIGHT IN PRAYER.

Dr. Torrey and others have been holding noonday prayer-meetings at the Y. M. C. A. Building, and on Friday night the pastors and Christian workers met for all night service. I do not know how many hundred were present, but hour after hour was spent in prayer, songs were sung, some testimonies given, many requests for prayer were made, and prayer after prayer was offered. Brothers Hardy, Hassee, Easterbrooks, Duke, Jr., and myself were present, and we found it good to be there. A special effort is being made to get a revival down on the great city. I say get a revival, but a true revival comes down. While I sent the name of my church in as one working for Christ, yet we have not waited for special movements of others but have gone on in the way the Lord has opened up, and he has led us. If any people were ever led, we have been in this city.

TRINE IMMERSION IN CHICAGO.

"Do you preach doctrine in the city?" has been asked us. What do you think we are here for but to preach the teaching of Jesus? That means baptism as well as any thing else. The eunuch believed Jesus and as a result was baptized. You cannot preach Jesus and his teachings without preaching baptism, and believing as I do the trine action of the commission I could not preach anything else, whatever sympathy I may have for others, when I baptize it must be by the commission. Hence for the last week I have been teaching along this line. It has been well received. Some have been greatly surprised that there was anything like it in the Bible, having never heard of such a thing. Hence much teaching is required. Under usual circumstances I think it best to baptize immediately after confession, but here we could not do that, owing to the condition of affairs. Circumstances alter cases, and we have had to wait longer than I liked, but some time in the near future I trust we will be able to have the matter so arranged that it can be attended to at once. It takes time to arrange a new work.

A BAPTISTERY NEEDED.

We need our own baptistery. I have secured the promise of one for this week in a Baptist church, having an invitation to meet with the congregation for worship. On going to attend to details the pastor said that the baptism during their meeting might detract from the Spirit of the occasion as it would be a novelty, so we have it in the afternoon. Of course I

do not object to him watching his own flock, I would like to look out after mine, but it does show us how bad we need a baptistery of our own. We have a good place to put one, can arrange for dressing rooms, etc., but it is impossible for me to buy one now. If some good soul would provide one for us it would not only be appreciated but it would be a monument of good work that would be continually paying back interest. Many of our friends who were zealous in opening up this work know nothing of its great demands. There is everything to buy from the ground up, besides the natural demands made upon us.

BROTHER RENCH'S IDEA.

I am pleased to see Brother Rench's idea in the *EVANGELIST*, and do trust it can be carried out, if not completely, then partly. Brother Rench saw the need of help here, and the wonderful opportunity not only to relieve but to impress the people with the truth. These people that need help are not paupers as that word is usually understood. People who have known better days, out of work for a year or two, furniture seized for balance due, left destitute, need help and when able will be of valuable help. We have met such, have them near us, can talk to them, preach to them, pray for them, but it would be a great satisfaction to help answer our own prayers. It would pay a thousand fold in this world and help in the world to come. I do not ask Brother Rench's idea to be carried out for my sake, that is not the idea nor the desire, but to help others; they need it; you can spare it; we hand it wisely from you to them, and a full account will be given of all matters received and distributed, indeed a full report of all our work here will be made. Our books are open for inspection and we are working for Christ, not self.

SOME FRIENDS WHO HELP.

I overlooked reporting the two barrels and box from Milledgeville, Ill., Brother Talley's congregation, on Christmas. They contained many things that were of practical benefit to some worthy ones, aside from many good things to eat, all of which were appreciated. Some friends from Mulberry, Ind., wrote us to accept a box and we did so. No doubt it is on the way and will be reported in due time. Brother Irwin Wright received a box from his folks and turned the eatables over to the Mission Home, which were enjoyed in due season. Sister Beachly of Meyersdale sent us a quilt which will be placed in a hospital, and reported later. Freight and expenses all paid on above, which is appreciated for often we have not a dollar